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Dear Melody,

During the past three years, it has been my privilege to be involved in the Mother Goose Series offered by the Office of Library Services. Our Head Start Program has worked with two communities: Warwick and West Warwick. We have offered *Mother Goose Asks Why* in both communities twice, and I have trained all of the teachers (24) in our Agency in the *Mother Goose Meets Mother Nature* Program. (I also had a personally rewarding experience working with the children's librarians across the state on *Mother Goose Meets Mother Nature*!!)

I can't say enough about the impact these programs have had. The interest of the parents was so great, that we had other parents inquiring about when the next program would be offered. At the present time, I am working with Anne McLaughlin (West Warwick Public Library) and Susan LaPorte (Warwick Public Library) to present *Mother Goose Counts* in the late winter/early spring.

CHILD, Inc. certainly was fortunate to be able to have involved both parents and staff in these programs. It has definitely made a positive impact on our children and families. Not only do I see the influence and benefits in the classroom, but parents have taken a more active role in reading to their children. The parents are truly having FUN! (I feel the activity piece associated with each book has opened up a very non-threatening way of having parents introduce reading to their children!)

Our teaching staff also has the opportunity to make home visits with the families. One of the goals of each visit is to introduce at least one activity/book emphasizing the importance of literacy. The teacher models for the parents, while encouraging parent/child interaction. This has enabled many of the families who were not able to be directly involved in the Library Series to receive some of the information (books, activities, etc.)

The OLIS Library Programs have certainly made a difference! Keep up the good work...and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,


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Education Manager/ Trainer

"Children are the world's most valuable resource, best hope for the future. It is a real tragedy that in an era of vast technical progress and scientific advancement, millions of children should still suffer from lack of medical care, proper nutrition, adequate education, and be subjected to the handicaps and uncertainties of a low income, sub-standard environment." John Fitzgerald Kennedy